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LESBIAN/GAY COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The three community networking meetings that were held at the St. Joseph Public Library on February 8th, April 5th and July 12th brought together representatives from twenty-two groups including: Lesbian Support Group, Gay & Lesbian Alumni of ND, Elkhart County AIDS Community Action Group & AIDS Task Force of St. Joseph County, Gay & Lesbian at ND/SMC, St. Joe Valley NOW, Gay & Lesbian Coalition, OUT/IUSB, Open Arms, Pride Action Committee, "My Brother's House", Lesbian Committee of NOW, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Courage to Heal, Spectrum, Library Lesbian/Gay Committee, Indiana Youth Group, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Brethren & Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay & Bi-sexual Concerns, Leather(Firekeepers), Sunday Bunch, and AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist.

The group representatives and individuals who were at the first meeting discussed various ways to improve the position of lesbians and gays in the Michiana area. The suggestions were divided into five categories, Political Action, Education, Networking, Social Activities, and Health, and at the second meeting, individuals and group representatives voted on these suggestions. Of the 49 votes cast, the results showed "Networking in Michiana, IUSB, ST. Mary's, ND" (8 votes) at the top, followed by "Foster a positive image through news media" (7 votes) and "Establish a community center" (7 votes), and then "Promote legal protection of lesbians/gays" (5 votes) and "Create directories of lesbian/gay groups/businesses" (5 votes).



The original suggestions were then voted on by the individuals who attended the Pride Day celebration at the Unitarian Church in South Bend on June 13th. Of the 136 people present, 104 voted on the suggestions with "Promote legal protection of lesbians/gays" getting the most votes (40), followed by "Establish a community center" (26 votes) and "Combat homophobia in professionals" (11 votes).



In response to the voting, the Lesbian Committee of NOW sent out profile sheets to each group asking for information about the group that will be used to compile a directory of local non-profit lesbian/gay groups. The directory should be completed by fall and a copy will be sent to each group's representative. In addition, the Legislative Committee of NOW discussed the possibility of getting a sexual orientation civil rights ordinance for South Bend.

To continue the process of networking among the local lesbian/gay groups the Lesbian Committee of NOW has scheduled a meeting for individuals or groups that wish to discuss progress or concerns in the community. The meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 1993 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the basement of the St. Joseph Public Library.



RESTAURANT REVIEW

Mandarin Garden on Edison Road just west of Ironwood is well worth the effort to get through the detour and road construction surrounding it. And --- there were no gas explosions in the area while we were there.

We like the restaurant decor-- cloth napkins and water goblets, yet not stuffy. They have the best egg rolls in town--very crisp--and a varied menu.

The staff is very professional, friendly and accommodating and, on our several trips to the restaurant, they have always been very polite (they don't yell at you when you want an appetizer served as a main course) and non-homophobic.

On our last visit the mushi pork had a delicate yet spicy flavor. The meat in all entrees was lean and of a high quality and the lemon chicken and schezuan chicken are not to be missed. This restaurant gets our highest rating--
 ♀♀♀♀.

(Our rating system may need a little explanation: the greater the number of women's symbols, the better we like the restaurant. If we ever give men's symbols to a restaurant, we consider it a spot to be avoided; if there's more than one men's symbol--look out!)



- The Dinner Dykes

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VIDEO NIGHT

Due to softball, Video Night has been cancelled until September.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP

Tues. 7-9 p.m.

For info, write:

LSG

P.O. Box 1281

Niles, MI 49120



3RD FRIDAY OUT

Imperial Palace

5930 Grape Rd., Mishawaka

Friday, Aug. 20th, 7 p.m.

Reservations due by August 18th

Call Lu or Sheree for reservations: (616)-684-6365

GAME NIGHT

Saturday, August 7th

Potluck and games at Barb and Celia's

Start at 4 p.m., eat at 5 p.m.

Call for directions: (219)-287-4548

AUGUST POTLUCK

August 28th

(rain date, August 29th)

Bring: Bathing suits

a dish to pass

your own drinks

Table service and a pool will be provided.

Call for directions: 287-6881 or 234-5986

WIMMIN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

Team: Whistle Stop Cafe

Team: All Thumbs

Aug 6 7:00 O'Brien

Aug 6 8:00 Boehm

Team: Squads

Aug 6 8:30 Lincoln

MISSION STATEMENT

Open Arms exists to disseminate diverse information of interest to the Michiana lesbian community.

OPEN ARMS DEADLINE/MEETING

The deadline for submissions for the September *Open Arms* is August 10th. Submissions can be mailed to Open Arms, P.O. Box 845, Mishawaka, IN 46546 or given to Mary, Sheree or Kaye. Submissions received after August 10th may not be published in the September newsletter.

Newsletter meeting: Sunday, August 22nd, 1993 at Kaye and Marcia's, 6:00 p.m. Call 271-0338 for directions.

EVENTS COORDINATORS

3rd Friday Out: Lu & Sheree (616) 684-6365

Wimin's Video Night: Gloria & Julie (616) 684-4011

Game Night: Sheree (616) 684-6365

Sunday Brunch: Kaye & Marcia (219) 271-0338

EDITORIAL POLICY

We may edit any article submitted for length or content. We ask that all articles submitted be signed and typed, but will respect the wishes of the author by not printing her name if so requested.

LESBIAN AND GAY AA GROUPS

Sundays: Elkhart General Hospital, Renaissance Unit, 2nd Floor, 7 p.m.

Mondays: First Unitarian Church, 101 E. Northshore, South Bend, 7 p.m.

(1st meeting of the month is an open meeting)

Saturdays: First Unitarian Church, 101 E. Northshore, South Bend, 8 p.m.

PLEASE TYPE SUBMISSIONS IF POSSIBLE

If it is possible for you to type your submissions on a letter quality typewriter or printer, please do so using a 55 space line. This will make layout much easier. Thanks.

OPEN ARMS STAFF

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Subscriptions: Kaye or Marcia

LESBIANS: DO YOU HAVE A SISTER?

Three groups of wimmin are being sought for a multifactorial research study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

1. Wimmin who are predominantly or exclusively lesbian, preferably since adolescence, that also have a lesbian or bisexual sister. You will both be asked to complete an interview or mail-in questionnaire and donate a blood sample. Parental participation is desired, but not absolutely mandatory/

2. Wimmin self-identifying as lesbian or bisexual that have a heterosexual sister. You will both be asked to complete an interview or mail-in questionnaire; donation of a blood sample is not required.

3. Wimmin self-identifying as lesbian or bisexual that also have a lesbian/bisexual mother and/or aunts. Each of you will be asked to donate a blood sample and complete an interview or mail-in questionnaire.

Strict confidentiality is assured For more information, contact Dr. Angela Pattatucci, N.I.H., Bldg. 37, Rm. 4A13, Bethesda, MD. 20892 or call COLLECT at (301)-402-4876.

LESBIAN HEALTH SURVEY

A National Lesbian and Bi Women's Health Survey was distributed at the National March on Washington. The Lesbian Health Project of Los Angeles is trying to assess the risk of cancer among lesbians. To participate in the survey, contact the Lesbian Health Project, Dept LC, 8235 Santa Monica Blvd #308, West Hollywood, CA 90046, phone (213)-650-1508.

NEWS NOTES

—While discussing her book, *Love Match*, on the *Larry King Live* show, Judy Nelson said she cares very much for her current partner, Rita Mae Brown, but that, "Martina (Navratilova) was the great love of my life, the great passion...Martina is my hero." (Linda's tool)

—Macintosh computer users have a new fantasy role-playing game available called "Gayblade". Seems you have to save the Empress from politicians, fundamentalist preachers, the FBI and other vile creatures.

—"The Real World", an MTV series scheduled to start late this summer, will have a lesbian in the cast of characters even though she won't appear until halfway through the series. The show is about a group of young adults living together in Venice, CA.

—The production rights to Joanne Parrent's book, *WITCH-HUNT*, have been bought by producer Brand Feigen. The book is based on the true story of two wimmin who were forced out of the Marine Corps during a two-year witchhunt at Parris Island, SC. Supposedly Feigen wants Sharon Stone and Demi Moore in the leads.



—Release of the film, "*Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*," has been delayed until late fall so that K.d. lang can do the sound track for the film.

—In Bloomington, IN the City Council recently approved a proposal that discourages discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Council also approved a resolution asking the Indiana legislature to pass legislation prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination or give local human rights commissions the authority to investigate complaints and order enforcement of local anti-discrimination laws.

—Several lesbians in the South Bend area are not impressed with the amount of coverage that the *Advocate* gives to lesbian issues. Although advertising itself as a lesbian/gay magazine, most issues have few articles about lesbians or wimmin's issues.

—In *The Life*, a TV soap opera about lesbians and gays, is being shown on WTTW from Chicago. To help underwrite the series, the sponsors are seeking tax deductible donations. Write to: In *The Life* / Media Network, 39 West 14th Street, Suite 401, New York, NY 10011.

—Bloomington, IN: A community radio station that broadcasts a regularly scheduled women's music show is WFHB FM 91.3. The show is on Thursdays from 8-10p.m. and plays a diverse mix of music by women. Women are encouraged to send promos to play: WFHB c/o Womenspace, P.O.Box 1973, Bloomington, IN 47402, (812)-323-1200.

—Join the LESBIAN TEACHERS' NETWORK. Receive a quarterly newsletter, for more info, send SASE to: LTN, P.O.Box 638, Solon, IA 52333.

—"The Color Complex", research focusing on relationships between and among lesbians, homosexual men and bisexuals who are African American, Asian American, Native American and descendants of Europeans. Contact dr. Dianne Lynne Cherry, (703)-379-5209.

—The Women's Soccer Foundation will have a conference at the Univ. of Washington in Seattle, Dec. 10-13, 1993. For info and scholarships, write: Denise Dallamora, Brandeis University, Gosman Athletic Center, Waltham, MA 02254. Scholarship applications due Aug. 15th.

Also, there is a good chance women's soccer will be included in the 196 Olympics. For more info or to show support write: Women's Soccer Foundation, 608 NE 63rd St., Seattle, WA 98115-6545, or call (206)-527-4035.

—The 12th Annual International Convention of P-Flag will be held Sept. 3-5, 1993 in New Orleans. For info, write: P-Flag Host Committee, P.O.Box 15485, New Orleans, LA 70175.

—Black Lesbians, call for submissions in the form of poetry and lint drawings. Submit to Kuumba, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083 or call (310)-410-0808.

Herstory: Conchita Citron

Citron's career as the first female professional bullfighter began at the age of 12 in Lima, Peru. She later performed throughout Europe ending her career in 1949 in Spain. At her last performance, she defied tradition by entering the ring on horseback and then refused to kill the bull at the end of the performance. She was arrested for this, but was pardoned when the crowd supported her actions.



A TEAM OF OUR OWN

Good game Whistle Stop Cafe. You won two out of three of your games against Sandy's. That was the team you really wanted to beat seeing as how they behaved so badly on that first game. All that verbal abuse didn't get them the big win. They certainly behaved better this time. The wimim were almost friendly and the coaches kept their filthy mouths shut.

There were some good plays and a 20-10 final score.

About the game before...Deb picked up the ball at Short, shot it to Patti at First, out, Patti drove the ball to Home where Judy skillfully caught the ball and got the runner out in the nick of time. Exciting action!

PRIDE ACTION COMMITTEE TO BRAINSTORM

The Pride Action Committee is holding a brainstorming meeting on August 25th at 7:00 P.M. (Indiana time) in the basement of the St. Joseph County Library, Wayne & Main Sts., South Bend. Community input of time, energy or money are very welcome as planning begins for the 1994 Michiana Pride Celebration.

We will be exploring whether to repeat the same format that has been used the last two years or branch out in new areas. We are looking for folks with creativity, opinions and ideas--the wild-and-wollier the better.

The Pride Action Committee

THE ADVOCATE

The National Gay and Lesbian News Magazine

An Open Arms staff member recently received a letter about THE ADVOCATE and thought it might be of interest to you. Started in 1967 as an underground newsletter, it was the first and only nationally distributed gay news magazine in America. In 1972, the ADVOCATE added Lesbians to its reporting staff. Sound good? Well ladies, hold on before sending in \$39.97 for a year. During the 5 months since I took the plunge, there have been 7 total articles for or about Lesbians. In March, the two page table of contents contained nine all male pictures. In May, you can see a new G-Strip swim ware article -- "Oh Joy". If it is National Lesbian news you're looking for, you will not find it in the ADVOCATE. I'm writing to cancel my subscription and telling them why.

MARCIA--

Happy Birthday and Thanks for seven wonderful years.

--KAYE



Herstory in the Making

Come out and participate in the very first
Introduction to Lesbian Studies
offered at Indiana University at South Bend
Thursday evenings (beginning 9/2/93)
6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Northside 0039

Auditors are welcome!



The course will be taught by Patricia Myers, co-editor of *A Certain Terror: Heterosexism, Militarism, Violence and Change*. This anthology, published by the Ann Arbor AFSC, is now available from the editor.

Call Patti Myers, 237-1021, for information about the course or the book.

book report

SILVERLAKE HEAT

by Carol Schmidt

Well Girlfriends, Do I have a hot book report for you. Do you have an afternoon or evening free? You'll need one, because once you start reading this book, you will not be able to put it down. It's a startling novel of passion and dark intrigue set in the hot bright landscape of L.A.'s gay Silverlake district. Laney Samms, the owner of a Lesbian bar, gathers courage to break up with her partner of twenty years soon after the dream of her life walks into the bar. Will they get it together or not? What a novel of suspense. It is the best novel I've read in several years. Betty--thanks for sharing it with us.

--Marcia

WELCOME DEB!



We're glad you decided to move to this area and join our community's many activities. For those of you who don't know Deb, she plays a great first base on the Whistle Stop Cafe Softball team, and she can really hit that ball. She may have to work on touching the bases on her way to home, or maybe we should buy the umpire some binoculars. Anyway, welcome, and congratulations on a successful job search.

-- Kaye and Marcia.

LESBIAN & GAY CANDIDATES WIN ELECTIONS

On June 8th, Jackie Goldberg became the only openly lesbian or gay City Council member in Los Angeles.

In Dallas, Craig McDaniel became the first openly lesbian or gay member of the City Council.

In Wisconsin, Madison attorney Shelley Gaylord became the first openly lesbian or gay judge in Wisconsin's herstory.

All three candidates were supported by the Victory Fund, a donor network of individuals dedicated to electing qualified openly lesbian and gay candidates to public office. The VICTORY FUND TRAINING INSTITUTE also offers training to potential candidates and campaign managers at regional training workshops for both Democrat and Republican candidates. For more information about the Victory Fund, contact William Waybourn at 202-VICTORY.



BEEN IN THE MILITARY?

The Women in Military Service for American Foundation (WIMSA, Dept 560, Washington, D.C. 20042) is seeking to register all military servicewomen, veterans or active duty, from all branches of the services, for a national memorial recognizing these women. The Foundation asks for a donation of \$25 for registration, but no one will be denied registration for financial reasons. Info: 1-800-222-2294.

—info from Lesbian Connection, July/August 1993—



WIMMIN ONLY CAMPGROUND

Windover Resort, a campground for wimmin only, is in the thumb area of Michigan near Bad Axe. It is open to wimmin over 18, pets are welcome but no children are allowed. The cost is \$17.50 per night for a site with two people and you also have to purchase a \$20 membership which is good for one calendar year. To make reservations, call (517)-375-2586.

INFO FOR YOUNG LESBIANS



Books and publications from Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St.,

Boston MA 02118, phone (617)-542-5679. The book, *BRIDGES OF RESPECT*, is available for \$7.50 ppd from Community Relations Division, American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102. In addition, there is a toll free hotline, 1-800-347-TEEN, that operates from Thurs-Sun, 7pm-11:45pm EST.

THE REAL "MA" BELL

CommunitySpirit is a lesbian/gay owned and operated long distance phone company run by Overlooked Opinions. Switching to CommunitySpirit could save you 25% on long distance calls and 2% of your long distance charges are donated to community groups of your choice. Call 1-800-It's-Ours (1-800-487-68770 for more information).

VISITING ATLANTA, GEORGIA?

Atlanta is home to one of the world's largest Black lesbian communities. Four good sources of information for visiting the area are: Hospitality Atlanta sponsors entertainment and social gatherings on a grand scale (PO Box 55410, Atlanta, GA 30308). This grassroots group was originally formed to host parties for the women of color visiting during the 1991 National Lesbian Conference. Friends (PO Box 38303, Atlanta, GA 30334, (404)-621-5078) is a company owned by a Black lesbian that produces dances, events, and *Friends* a free local magazine by and for Black lesbians and gays. Home girls (PO Box 18034, Atlanta, GA 30316) is a professional networking group. The African-American Lesbian/Gay Alliance (voice mail, (404)-239-8184) is the main coalition group and it's extremely active, holding seven regular open meetings every month.

—info from Lesbian Connection, July/August 1993—



SISTERSPACE IN THE POCONO'S

The 1993 Sisterspace Pocono Weekend will be held Sept. 10-12th in Canadensis, Pennsylvania (2 1/2 hours from Philly and NYC). The Friday night stage includes Jamie Anderson, the Ase Drumming Circle and singer/songwriter Sue Massek. Comedian Karen Williams will be on The Saturday night stage and there will be country western line dancing as well as square dancing. For more information, write or call: Sisterspace of Philadelphia, 351 S. 47th Street, B101, Philadelphia, PA 19143, (215)-476-2424.

MORE LESBIANS/GAYS ELECTED

The number of openly lesbian/gay elected and appointed officials has doubled over the past six months to 120. There were 64 openly lesbian/gay officials before the November election and all 16 of the officials who were up for re-election won. Eleven new candidates were elected and in the last six months elections or appointments have added: New York City School Board members Jill B. Harris, Angela Rovia and John Nalley, Madison, Wisconsin Municipal Judge Shelley Gaylord, Dallas City Councilman Craig McDaniel and Clinton appointees Roberta Achtenberg (HUD), Bob Hattoy (White House), Keith Boykin (White House), Romulo Diaz, Jr. (DOE), R. Paul Richards (White House), Victor Zonona (HHS) and R.I. State Sen. Will Fitzpatrick, and Mayor Bill Crews of Melbourne, Iowa.

—info from Gay and Lesbian VICTORY FUND News Release—

Herstory: Sybil Ludington

By riding twice the distance of Paul Rivere's ride in 1775, the 16 year old Ludington traveled from town to town in New York and Connecticut, in April of 1777, to alert the colonists to a British raid on Donbury. The colonists were able to defeat the British and Ludington's home town in New York was re-named in her honor.



The June 21, 1993 issue of *Newsweek* with the two lesbians on the front cover was so popular, sales increased by 20%. (probably because every lesbian bought at least 10 copies!) Maybe that's why *US News and World Report* had an article about lesbians in the July 5, 1993 issue and *Geraldo* and *The Maury Povich Show* have featured "mainstream" and "lip-stick" lesbians on their shows recently. From closets to celebrities because of one article--why didn't someone think of this sooner?

LESBIAN HEALTH CARE DISCUSSED IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARING

During separate House and Senate briefings on April 23, 1993, Carmen Vazquez of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and a National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) member, discussed lesbian health needs with Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA), the staff of the Women's Caucus, Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA), Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-CO) and staff from Sen. Barbara Boxer's (D-CA) office. A press conference was held before the briefings by NGLTF to announce a new lesbian/bisexual wimmin's health survey from the Lesbian Health Project of Los Angeles. A report documenting issues about lesbian health care, homophobia among health care providers, medical screening, greater health risks, cancer, HIV, lesbians over 40, youth, violence, and substance use/abuse will be delivered by NGLTF to Congressional committee members who fund health care as well as the members of the health care reform committee.

--info from *Lavender Morning*, June, 1993--

NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH GROUPS

You Are Not Alone, a national directory of lesbian, gay and bi-sexual youth groups in the US and Canada, is a 60 page book listing many agencies that provide counseling, emergency shelter, medical care, support groups, social events and other services. Copies can be obtained from the Hetrick-Martin Institute, a non-profit organization that serves all youth for whom sexuality is an issue, by writing to: Hetrick-Martin Institute, 401 West Street, New York, NY 10014 (suggested donation \$4.00).

--info from *Lavender Morning*, June, 1993--

LESBIAN/GAY TEEN SUICIDES

Massachusetts will soon become the first state to have a health and suicide prevention program for lesbian/gay teens. Studies have shown that lesbian/gay teenagers are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual teenagers. The prevention program, which will cost \$200,000, came about after special hearings held by a state commission where lesbian and gay teenagers testified about dealing with their homosexuality.



One of the researchers involved with a recent study on male homosexuality and heredity, J. Michael Bailey of Northwestern University, has completed a study of female homosexuality running in families. Through newspaper ads, 84 lesbian or bisexual wimin and 79 heterosexual wimin were surveyed on the likeliness of homosexual and heterosexual wimin to have a homosexual sister.

The respondents based their answers on four criteria with the following results: the homosexual wimin said from 12.1 to 34.8 percent of their sisters were also homosexual. The heterosexual wimin said 2.4 to 13.8 percent of their sisters were homosexual.

NEW BUSINESS GROUP

In April, 1993 a group of lesbian and gay business and professional people met in New Orleans to form a non-profit association of lesbian and gay organizations. The name of the new association is GLOBAL: Gay and Lesbian Organizations Bridging Across the Land and its purpose is to help members communicate with each other, give support, encouragement and opportunities for professional development as well as social activities. For info, contact: Robert Safo at 202-265-6398, Maureen O'Leary at 510-652-1946 or Craig Nadborne at 312-235-4858.

--info from *NETWORK NEWS*--



WIMMIN'S/LESBIAN DIRECTORIES

--FT. WAYNE

A Ft. Wayne Wimmin's Business Directory is available. Write and ask for the directory at: Whispers, Cheryl Gardiner, 14533 US Highway 24 East, New Haven, IN 46774.

--National

To locate lesbian businesses and products write the *Lesbian World* newsletter at: DIRECT ME, LWI, 26151 Lakeshore, #2112, Euclid, OH 44132; 211-289-2939 direct, 216-289-5885 fax.



CENSORED

The *Feminist Bookstore News* reports that Canadian Custom officials are using a Supreme Court decision regarding pornography to seize only lesbian/gay and feminist material. Custom officials have seized such things as: *Hothead Paisan*, Andrea Dworkin's *Woman Hating* and *Pornography: Men Possessing Women* as well as 25 other books sent to a feminist bookstore in Montreal. The news media in Montreal lambasted the seizure and Customs returned the books to the bookstore.

--info from *Off Our Backs*, June, 1993--

TRAVELING SOON?



The International Lesbian and Gay Association reports that lesbianism is explicitly legal in the following countries: Burkina Faso, Netherland Antilles, Suriname, Hong Kong, South Korea, New Zealand, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Ukraine and about half of the states in the US. Knowing what "legal" means in these countries is important because some of these countries are more restrictive about behavior than countries where homosexuality is illegal.

--info from *Off Our Backs*, June, 1993--

LESBIAN/GAYMEDIA



The Los Angeles and New York chapters of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) give media awards for positive portrayals of lesbians and gays on TV in films, newspapers and recordings. For 1993, the group honored the *Roseanne* show for outstanding comedy series. It also honored all openly lesbian and gay members of the military, and Garth Brooks for outstanding song, *We Shall Be Free*, which includes a line about freedom "to love anyone we choose". Brooks also belongs to a PFLAG chapter.

Sexual Harassment and Schools

A list of books, pamphlets and articles on sexual harassment in schools is available to students, teachers, parents and administrators by writing for the NOW LDEF's Sexual Harassment in Schools Resource Kit at: NOW LDEF, 99 Hudson St., 12th Floor, New York, NY 10013.

KAY HAGAN



Kay did a workshop at Bloomington this year, based on her "Bitches from Hell: the Politics of Self-Defense" essay. For those of you who saw *THELMA AND LOUISE* and remember the scene where they shot the truck of the man who obscenely harassed them, you may remember that he called them "bitches from hell" as he watched his truck being swallowed in flames.

Kay contends that the patriarchy we live under is always harmful to wimmin...we are fighting for our survival. She is driven to help us in our self-defense.

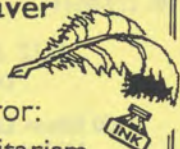
Kay's Bloomington workshop was packed to overflowing into hallways with wimmin who are ready to get out of denial and get ready to defend themselves.

- Gloria -

Local Author Signing

Patricia Myers &
Richard Cleaver

editors of



A Certain Terror:
Heterosexism, Militarism,
Violence & Change

Little Professor Book Center
Tuesday, September 21
7:00-9:00pm

They will be discussing the roots of
homophobic violence and signing copies of their book.

LITTLE PROFESSOR
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Ironwood Plaza North State Road 23 at Ironwood
South Bend 277-4488 Mon.-Sat 10:00-9:00 Sun 10:00-5:00

■ FUGITIVE INFORMATION: AN INTERACTIVE WEB OF FEMINIST IDEAS AND ACTION

Essays by Kay Leigh Hagan

"Fugitive information" is a term taken from computer jargon, referring to data that is "lost" in the system. It will not respond to a programmer's commands but appears on the screen of its own will, in its own time, then disappears without a trace. Developing a feminist vision in a patriarchal world feels to me much like glimpsing fugitive information—and creating it.

A work-in-progress and living web of ideas from subscribers in 45 states, Canada, Israel, Australia, and Sweden, Fugitive Information is a subscription series of feminist essays written and produced in pamphlet format by Kay Hagan on an occasional basis. Subscribers are encouraged to respond to the essays, via letter, postcard, voice or e-mail form. Excerpts from responses are published in the Subscribers' Newsletter accompanying each essay, allowing us to exchange ideas and connect with each other as we build feminist culture and community. The revised essays will be published later as a collection.

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the rest as soon as I can.

■ BACK ISSUES

The first eight essays and selected subscriber responses are available in a collection, *Fugitive Information: Essays from a Feminist Hothead* (Harper San Francisco, 1993, \$10). The collection includes:

Codependency and the Myth of Recovery
The Wilderness of Intimacy: Control
and Connection
The Invisible Obvious: Internalized Oppression
Orchids in the Arctic:
The Predicament of Heterosexual Feminism
Heart Sisters: Loving Each Other Over Time
Bitches from Hell: the Politics of Self-Defense
The Habit of Freedom: Liberating the
Colonized Mind

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LESBIANS MURDERER CONVICTED

Jurors in Huron Township, Michigan, found James Brooks guilty of 2 counts of first degree murder in the shooting deaths of Susan Pittman and Christine Puckett. Brooks had complained several times about the wimin's openly lesbian relationship and on May 5, 1992 he shot both wimin at close range with a shotgun. There had been a dispute about a privacy fence the wimin were putting around their property.

Here's Why I'm Looking Forward to Seeing ORLANDO

This film is written by a woman, Sally Potter, who took her character and theme from Virginia Woolf. Woolf's Orlando was inspired by her love for Vita Sackville-West, who would probably inspire most of us. (The life and loves of Vita was recently featured at Video-Night.)

I'm interested, supportive, and inspired by Potter's determination to create something she believes in, fighting resistance and a lack of enthusiasm from financial backers. (Where have we not seen this before?) She had to go to Russian, French, Italian, Dutch, and British sources to raise her needed \$4 million.

Exploring the deprogramming of sexual stereotyping is interesting to me. ORLANDO lives as a man, a woman, and then a blend of both. How interesting! How does Woolf/Potter handle this? - I expect to gain new insight and/or appreciation for living more fully as the total person that I am and to appreciate the need to live it now.

A real drawing card for me, too, is to be able to anticipate a lessening of sex and violence on the screen.

See you at the movies -Gloria-

"What we are doing in the present is CREATING the future...(this) answers the question of how we go about making a new world right here in the putrid debris of senile patriarchy: we DO NOW what we want to be doing in the future, we BE NOW, FEEL NOW how we thought we could be and feel only in some future time." p.39

WILDFIRE -Sonia Johnson-

POLL SHOWS HALF SUPPORT COMPROMISE ON HOMOSEXUALS IN MILITARY

A USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll showed 48% support a "Don't ask, don't tell" compromise to lift the ban and 49% oppose it. In addition, 48% agreed with the phrase, "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service", while 49% disagreed.

—info from USA TODAY, Tuesday, July 13, 1993—

WIMMIN'S PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

The Women's Basketball Association (WBA) just finished its first season with the championship games to be played the first weekend in August. There were six midwestern teams in the league this year and plans to add four more teams next year. Four additional teams means 40 more players will be needed. For info, contact Lightning Mitchell at (816)-452-6850.

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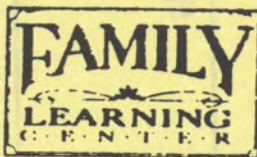
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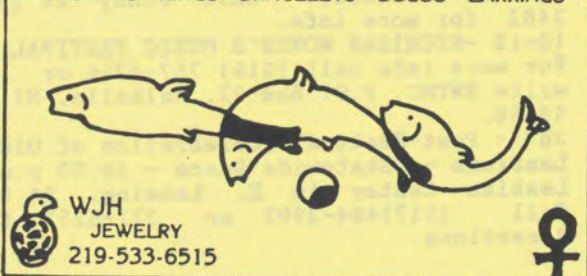
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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 AA Elkhart 7 p.m. every Sunday	2 AA South Bend 7 p.m.	3 Support Group 7 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Game Night 4 p.m.
8	9	10	11 Michigan Music Festival ←	12	13	14
15 →	16	17	18 Reservations due for 3rd Fri. Out	19	20 3rd Friday Out 7 p.m.	21
22 Open Arms Mtg. 6 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27	28 August Potluck
29 PFLAG Mtg., 2-4 p.m.	30 ↓	31 ↓				AA South Bend 8 p.m.,

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OTHER COMING EVENTS

- AUG. 4 - 6:30 p.m. - NOW Summer FuN Potluck and Pool Party - 1918 (Southview, South Bend (1 block north of Ireland, 1 block West of Ironwood). Call Penny at 291-2482 for more info.
- AUG. 10-15 - MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL. For more info call (616) 757-4766 or write WWTMC, P.O. Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458.
- AUG. 28 - Post-Festival Celebration of Older Lesbians - Statewide Dance - 10:00 p.m., Lesbian Center in E. Lansing. \$4.00. Call (517) 484-3903 or 371-5257 for directions.

4th Sunday - P-FLAG Meeting 2-4 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, 17195 Cleveland Rd., South Bend.

COURT GAIN

In May, a New York Family Court Judge ruled that a lesbian couple has parental rights for their 11 year old daughter. A gay man donated the sperm and relinquished all parental rights and obligations to the child at that time. Eleven years later the man wanted court ordered visitation rights but the judge said this would be disruptive to the family life of the girl.

--National NOW Times, June, 1993--



COURT LOSS AND...

In March, a federal court in New York ruled that since lesbians cannot be legally married Sandra Rovira is not entitled to company death benefits from AT&T for the death of her partner, Marjorie Forlini. So much for AT&T's sexual orientation non-discrimination policy.

